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THE MINT DIRECTOR'S PRONOUNCEMENTS: Junior Collectors Part I

Dear Members:

As the new President of NCNA, I feel that I've been given a real responsibility. A responsibility not only to make sure that the Association runs smoothly, but also to take a broader view and see that coin collecting itself is encouraged throughout northern California.

Naturally, there are always areas that need our attention--educational programs, encouraging exhibits, making meetings more interesting--but one issue strikes me as the most important: to encourage juniors to begin coin collecting; for without new collectors, our hobby is only destined to gradually fade.

We must recognize, though, that it's a lot harder for a junior collector these days than when we may have started. At a recent coin club meeting I attended, for instance, several old time collectors got up and talked about the Lincoln Cent sets that they completed from circulation or the Mercury Dimes and Walking Liberty Halves that they used to pluck from change, then lamented that those days were past. Well, that's fine, well, and good. But, we must recognize that such talk can be increasingly discouraging to a new collector; he or she may feel that he or she missed the boat and that there is no sense looking through change any more.

But that's wrong, and here's why. As the years have crept by, we may have lost track of the fact that 1984 brings us the twentieth year of clad coinage. I challenge any of you to complete a clad set of dimes, say, from circulation, and tell me it was easy. With Lincoln Memorial Cents since 1959 still in change, we're looking at another challenge. Do you still look at your change? You'll find that cents before 1976 aren't that common, but they do turn up.

Jefferson Nickels get even older, since you can sometime find them back in the '40s. But what I'm getting at is really more of an attitude shift we experienced collectors need to make. Sure, these coins aren't valuable--you won't find a dealer willing to buy circulated 1969P Cents. But, when you were plucking early Lincoln Cents out of change in the early '60s or selecting S-Mint silver Roosevelt Dimes, those coins weren't valuable at the time either. It's only later that they accrued the value that you might brag about today.

So let's be careful, careful to encourage juniors to collect from change, and not look at a set of modern coins as being too easy to acquire until you've tried it yourself. As long as you're assembling a set of coins that's tough to complete, yet at the same time is reasonably possible, it's going to be fun. The kind of fun that will attract new collectors to the broad range of collecting that numismatics has to offer.

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THE MINTMASTER'S QUILL: An Editor's Prerogative

My Friends:

A coin show, or whatever it may be called, is of two types: either one sponsored and coordinated by a numismatic organization, as a local coin club or a larger regional association, commonly called a club show, or one operated and managed by a business or exposition service, commonly called a commercial show.

There are differences between these two which may not be readily clear. A club show is active collectors working together for the benefit of their group and hobby. A commercial show is solely for profit of its promoter. A club show is adapt to have more than just a bourse. A commercial show is adapt to be only a bourse. A club show in most all incidents is free. A commercial show in most incidents charges admission. In general terms, these points summarize the differences, and it goes without saying that there are exceptions.

However, regardless of those supposed exceptions or the lure of a professionally managed commercial show, a coin collector, a numismatist, or anyone involved in coins--whether from the nobility of numismatic knowledge and enjoyment to the pragmatism of investment and security--should support by attendance and participation club shows.

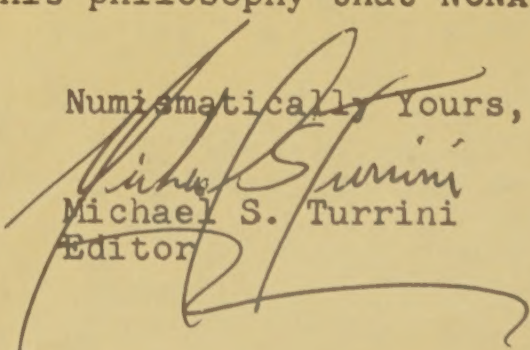
True, a club show is also, and no one denys this, a profit-making venture; however, unlike a commercial show which is all and solely profit-making, a club show seeks in varying degrees primarily to promote and to assist our hobby and its hobbyists. It does this through the perennial of exhibits and displays, with forums and information tables, or just by bringing hobbyists together.

Equally true, no one can prevent one from going to a commercial show, and no one seeks to do such. But, NCNA feels strongly that our hobby advances when NCNA members, and non-members, support by attendance and participation club shows.

Why? Along with the above points, a club show is not a labor for profit but for dedication to our hobby: the workers at a commercial show are paid employees, and those at a club show are non-paid fellow hobbyists. They deserve your support.

Club shows are primarily still held to bring hobbyists together, to publicize the hobby, and to encourage new hobbyists--objectives remote from profit-making. It is in this philosophy that NCNA asks your help in encouraging club shows.

Numismatically Yours,

  
Michael S. Turrini  
Editor

GOLD MINER DIGGINGS: NCNA News and Happenings

Cathedral Hill Hotel Situation

The recent Christmas holiday fire has, according to reports in the media and direct contacts by NCNA officers, closed through June 1984 the Cathedral Hill Hotel.

Most NCNA members are aware of this destructive fire and might be concerned as to whether NCNA would have its annual Show and Convention this September 1984. As can be read above and as has been informed by Hotel personnel to NCNA, our September event is still scheduled, and the Hotel will be ready for NCNA.

The only problem will be the quarterly Board of Directors meetings usually held in February and May. These will definitely not be held at the Cathedral Hill Hotel, since it is closed because of rebuilding. These meetings will be held at alternate locations that have yet to be selected. For this reason, your Editor will not report the Board meeting dates which may also be changed. Club delegates are advised to be patient pending written notice from NCNA Secretary Brian Kestner.

Additional information as to the Cathedral Hill situation, if needed, will be reported in the April Issue of NCNA Heads and Tales.

September Show and Convention

Along with the above report, only two reports for this annual NCNA event can be made at this time.

First, the dates for this Show and Convention still remain September 20, 21, 22, and 23.

Second, the Bourse Fee will be held at \$375.00 for a corner space/table and \$325.00 for regular space/table; the same rates as were for the 1983 Show and Convention. These rates will be held through August 1st. Thereafter, there will be a \$25.00 increase apiece. To avoid this increase, dealers must pay in full their Bourse Fees before August 1st.

Dealers interested in being part of this year's NCNA Show and Convention are invited to contact: "Denis N. Hooker, Bourse Coordinator, 65 Post, San Jose, 95113".

1983 NCNA Officer Election

The 1984 NCNA officers were listed in the previous Eleventh Issue and are also listed on the front. For general information, there were 31 ballots casted out of 129 mailed.

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### NCNA Library

Dick Smith, NCNA Librarian, has a new mailing address:

Dick Smith, NCNA Librarian  
PO Box 60182  
Palo Alto, California 94306

In addition, this post office box is also the Peninsula Coin Club new mailing address.

### For Coin Clubs Only

A NCNA service of providing free numismatic books to northern Californian coin clubs that are NCNA Club Members for their own individual club librarys and members use had not been active in 1983, and the November NCNA Board of Directors Meeting discussed this free service and whether it is a worthwhile effort that contributes to numismatics and coin clubs.

During this discussion, it was brought up that these following coin clubs are the only ones known to NCNA that are benefiting from this:

Liberty Numismatic Society  
Los Gatos Coin Club  
Napa Valley Coin Club  
Vallejo Numismatic Society  
Peninsula Coin Club  
San Jose Coin Club

What the Board of Directors seeks now, before making a decision as to either reactivate or terminate this service, is for coin clubs to respond as to their interest and willingness to receive and to use within the club numismatic books. In other words, the Board simply wants to know if it is worth the effort and funds to continue this service.

Therefore, coin clubs, that is NCNA Club Members, wanting to receive periodically free numismatic books are asked to write directly to your Editor who will comply all requests for the next NCNA Board of Directors meeting, at which time a final decision will be made.

All NCNA Club Members are strongly encouraged to promptly inform your Editor as to their interest.

### 1984 NCNA Dues

Needless to say, it is that time of year, and soon all NCNA members, Individuals and Clubs, will be receiving their dues notice. Dues remain at \$2.00 per year for Individual Membership and \$3.00 per year for Club Membership. Please remit your dues promptly.

BRANCH MINT REPORTS: Club Happenings

Have been receiving bulletins, newsletters, or news releases from these Coin Clubs:

San Francisco Coin Club  
Fresno Numismatic Society  
Fremont Coin Club  
Fairfield Coin Club  
San Jose Coin Club  
Gateway Coin Club  
Delta Coin Club  
Diablo Numismatic Society  
Pacific Coast Numismatic Society  
Cupertino Coin Club  
Peninsula Coin Club  
Redwood Empire Coin Club  
Pajaro Valley Coin Club  
Eureka Coin Club  
Vallejo Numismatic Society  
Western States Token Society  
Check Collectors Round Table

San Francisco Coin Club Honored long-time SFCC activists PAUL SNEDAKER and FRED LUTJENS with election as 'Governors Emeritus'. September 27th was the club's annual 'Other Hobby Nite'. A popular vote result gave First Place award to MIKE STANLEY for a large display of Japanese Fishing Floats, Second Place to JOHN and MONA VERZI for Ethnic Costumes and Dances, and Third Place to FRED LUTJENS for Mini-Liquor Bottles. Other participants were: ROY ADAMS, Eye Glasses, DAVID ARIETTA, Political Cartoons, PETER BAKOS, Jaycee Pins, GROVE CAGLE, Paintings, BARBARA GOODWIN, Penguins, AGATHA JACOBS, Needlework, HANS HANSSON, Stamps, ROSE HUNTINGTON, Old Coin Books, RON JOHNSON, Walt Disney Memorabilia, THERESIA OWENS, Handicrafts, RAY OWENS, Movie Star Photographs, and O. L. WALLIS, Fossil Shark Teeth. The November 22nd meeting had O. L. WALLIS with slide illustrated talk on his recent trips through Mexico, and the October 25th meeting was the 'Story of the Buffalo Nickel' by FRANK STRAZZARINO. SFCC ended 1983 with a Christmas Party at its December 27th meeting which had Santa Claus, namely FRED LUTJENS, postponing his North Pole return. Two Cents Worth, SFCC's newsletter, has with the October 1983 issue return to a regular monthly periodical.

Fresno Numismatic Society Distinguished The Fresno Numismatist, FNS' newsletter, Editor RUTH PHILLIPS send a December issue. FNS meets on the second Tuesday of each month, 8:00pm, in the Beverly Park Club House, 2970 East Weldon Avenue, Fresno. The FNS 1984 officers are: DALE HEWLETT, President, STEVE FOSTER, Vice-President, TINA HASSON, Treasurer, and RUTH PHILLIPS, Secretary. The FNS reports that it assists the Salvation Army's Toys-for-Tots program, and as Editor PHILLIPS noted, "Open your hearts to the less fortunate . . . Christmas is a time for sharing". Your Editor commends our

neighbor club to the south for its member's humanity. Your Editor also hopes that the FNS places NCNA Heads and Tales on its mailing list.

Fremont Coin Club Had DR. DOROTHY STANFORD, Professor at Hayward State, as a guest speaker at its October 25th meeting on the 'Price of Gold'. The September 27th Junior Special Exhibit Night had winners: GEOFF GRENN, Modern Hawaiian Coins, BRIAN MAXWELL, Liberty Seated Dimes, and seven year old EVA MARIE LYLES, her new addition, a 1909s VDB Lincoln Cent. The September 13th Senior Special Exhibit Night had winners: KEN BAUER, Latest Token Acquisition, RON MILLER, 1657 Specie Dollar, and ROGER LYLES, Mills Novelty Token. October 30th was the date for the FCC's Bowling Tournament with teams TOM and DONNA CHESKO winning First and BENNY GATAN and PAUL HAVERCROFT taking Second. Under Tournament Director CAL WILSON, sixteen FCC members entered and had a great time. The 1984 FCC officers are: ROGER LYLES, President, KEN BAUER, First Vice-President, DON MCALISTER, Second Vice-President, DON EHLERS, Treasurer, KEN HAUSMAN, Recording Secretary, CAL WILSON, Corresponding Secretary, and GEOFF GREEN, Junior Vice-President. January 21, 1984 at the Fremont Inn Travelodge will be FCC's Annual Installation Banquet which your Editor would have liked to attended, but was late in reserving his ticket-- your Editor has to read these coin club newsletters more closely!

Fairfield Coin Club Has had two recent speakers: MICHAEL S. TURRINI, 'Canadian Commemorative Dollars', October 26th and OSMYN STOUT, 'Demise of the Great Yuan', November 23rd.

San Jose Coin Club Reports that its big event is its 16th Annual Coin Show and Educational Forum, January 13, 14, and 15, 1984, in the San Jose Convention Center, Market and Park, San Jose; hours will be: Friday, 10 to 8, Saturday, 10 to 8, and Sunday, 10 to 5. This is a major numismatic event: over 135 Bourse Dealers, an annual commemorative medal, exhibits, and a large and varied Forum; this year's has: ED FULWIDER, WILLIAM SCHWARTZ, LEROY VAN ALLEN, ED SINS, LARRY BENSON, DAN SHATTUC, TIM ARCHER, JOHN FRENCH, and CHRIS HENRIQUES. The Medal which depicts on the obverse the San Jose Museum of Art and was designed by SJCC President KEN BARR is available by mail at \$2.50 for either golden bronze or antique bronze. The reverse has a floral arrangement with butterflies design. Orders should be directed to: "JOHN FRENCH, Medal Chairman, SJCC, PO Box 5621, San Jose, 95150". This is a show to attend--a full three days and no conflicts with the Super Bowl. Your Editor strongly suggests NCNAers travel to San Jose and hopes that this Issue arrived in time to inform its readers of it! BILL SCHWARZ had a slide presentation, 'The Origin of Coinage', at the November 16th meeting, and at this same meeting, SJCC voted to host the 1985 Spring California State Numismatic Association (CSNA) Convention, a major undertaking. SJCC ended 1983 with its Christmas Party on December 21st that had as gifts to attending members wrapped coins valued over \$300 including gold!

Gateway Coin Club Had slide program, 'Military Payment Certificates', at its October 6th meeting along with Bingo. A nice combination: education and enjoyment. 'Cookies 'n Cakes' was the program November 17th as members baked and decorated refreshments with numismatic designs or themes. Members voted JOHN HOFMANN'S cake 1794 Dollar First Place in both design and taste. BOBBE LEE, MARY MURPHY, and TROY THORESON also created attractive and delicious entries. Now, that is a great program: numismatic knowledge, culinary art, and the meeting's refreshments. As the GCC Newsletter Editor reported, "It was amazing to see how much of all four cakes disappeared during the tasting portion of the competition!"

Delta Coin Club Received only one DCC Newsletter. This Club meets at St. Pauls Community Center, second and fourth Friday of each month at 8:00pm, 2220 West Alpine, Stockton.

Diablo Numismatic Society Had BILL HENRY speak on 'The History and Coinage of Ancient Athens' at its November 17th meeting. Last December 4th was the DNS' 21st Annual Coin Show; exhibit winners were: WILLIAM BROMLEY, Best of Show, MIKE STANLEY and BILL HENRY, First Place, PENNY STANLEY, First Place Junior, and BOB KEEGAN, Second Place.

Pacific Coast Numismatic Society Received only one PCNS Bulletin. NAKINE and 'VM' HANKS talk on the original San Francisco Mint at its November 23th meeting. Also at same meeting, typical for the PCNS, out of twenty members in attendance eleven had exhibits.

Cupertino Coin Club Featured a Roundtable Discussion at its October 7th meeting on 'Collecting on a Budget'. Speakers were: RON STARR, DAN SHATTUC, JIM GLOVER, YVONNE VORBERG, and RENATE BRUCK. JIM GLOVER had excellent advice for any collecting interest: "No matter what you want to collect, get a reference book first . . . Know what you collect". RENATE BRUCK returned at the November 4th meeting to talk on 'German Notgeld'. In reviewing the Coin Press, CCC's newsletter, your Editor notes that this Club has an active Show 'n Tell (meeting exhibits): November with 16, October with 10, and September with 12. This seems to be a consistent record out of all the coin clubs that your Editor receives information, and your Editor commends the CCC members for their willingness to share their collections with fellow club members. CCC members are also helping and working with the Santa Clara Boy Scouts as Merit Badge Counselors; a great idea to help young people and the community. CCC reports that February 25 and 26, 1984 are the dates for its 14th Annual Coin Show at the Campus Center, DeAnza College, 21250 Stevens Creek Blvd., Cupertino. Free admission and parking. Good Luck to the CCC.

Peninsula Coin Club Meets in the upstairs meeting room of Eureka Federal Savings, Second and Main, Los Altos, on the third Monday of each month at 7:45pm.

Redwood Empire Coin Club Received only one RECC newsletter. Had its recent 16th Annual Coin Show last November 20th under Chairman OZZIE STOUT. HORACE MANN spoke on the Trade Dollar at the October 12th meeting.

Pajaro Valley Coin Club Writes that its 19th Annual Coin Show will be February 12, 1984, Sunday, at Watsonville High School Cafeteria, Lincoln and East Beach, Watsonville. Admission is free. Bourse Coordinator is: "DEANE F. KRAMER, 14 Playa Blvd., Watsonville, 95076".

Eureka Coin Club Reports its 1983-1984 officers are: AL PERRY, President, ALAN NAKI, Vice-President, MARGARET NAKI, Recording Secretary, ART STEWART, Treasurer, and CLEMENS MCCASKEY, Corresponding Secretary. April 7 and 8, 1984 are the dates for the 18th Annual Eureka Coin Show at Redwood Acres Fairgrounds.

Vallejo Numismatic Society Its 1984 officers are: LUCKY WILLIAMS, President, AL RENN, Vice-President, BILL MILLS, Secretary, and STAN TURRINI, Treasurer. The November 2nd meeting had DON SCHUELER talking on 'Coin Market Update', and the December 7th meeting was Exhibit Night; in competitive popular voting, the winners were: BILL HENRY, 'A Coin Tells Its Story', First Place, MIKE STANLEY, 'Franklin Half Dollars', Second Place, and STAN TURRINI, 'SSBN Vallejo Medals', Third Place. December 16th was the VNS' Annual Christmas Party and Dinner; much to report, but will just report that everyone who attended received \$1000! April 29, 1984, Sunday, will be the VNS' 12th Annual Vallejo Coin Show, 10:30am to 5:00pm, at Dan Foley Cultural Center, Dan Foley Park, Tuolumne Street, Vallejo. Bourse is sold out, and this will be a full-day numismatic event: exhibits, Information Table, free commemorative woods, all gold coin raffle, half hour drawings for silver coins, and Educational Forum with ED FULWIDER from the San Francisco Mint and the film, 'Silver'.

Western States Token Society Will hold its quarterly meeting and have a program on Token Collecting at the 12th Annual Vallejo Coin Show. See details above.

Check Collectors Round Table A national group active in fiscal document collecting, old checks, stocks, bank papers, etc, will hold its first ever western United States meeting at the 12th Annual Vallejo Coin Show. See details above. CCRT's program, coordinated by DOUGLAS McDONALD, will include a slide presentation on Check Collecting, exhibits, free copies of CCRT's magazine, The Checklist, and assistance and information on fiscal documents. Public and coin hobbyists are warmly invited to attend CCRT's meeting.

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What can we do then? I'd like all of you to spend a few moments thinking about how your local coin club can encourage juniors to begin collecting, and what measures NCNA itself can take to help. I'll do some of the same, and in the next issue of NCNA Heads and Tales, I'll come up with some specific plans.

George K. Tyson  
NCNA President

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